

ABSTRACT

AL-IA-070

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(149)

Artemas, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

1766 (area surveyed)

1902 (new monument first set)

an additional
Milestone No. ---(149) marks / point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 3200 feet west of the preceding monument and mound, No. ---(148), and is close to the 140th mile mark on their 1768 "Plan of the Boundary Lines" west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is a ^{very plain} new 1902 Cockeysville marble monument, of the same design as 65 other monuments set during the 1900-03 / Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary west of Sideling Hill. It is in excellent condition, unaltered, measures about 10 ^{capped by a low pyramidal top, and} inches square, ^{stands about} 1½ feet above ground. The only embellishments are a blocky capital P on the north ^{facing Pennsylvania} side and M on the south side facing Maryland, the year of the original survey in this area (1766) on the east side, and the year first set (1902) on the west side. This monument is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of some 248 markers still defining the West Line, later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 27 similar new monuments ^{of a total of 37} of 1902 marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(149) is also significant as it contributes to the ^{visual} integrity of the boundary ^{as a reminder of} and the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. AL-IA-070

Magi No.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 149)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)
STREET & NUMBER off the east side of Fifteen Mile Creek Road/T-312

CITY, TOWN

Artemas

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VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Bedford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland / Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

AL-IA-070 entered 6/2/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. --- (149) marks a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 3200 feet west of the preceding monument and mound, ^{No. 7-- (148)} close to the 140th mile mark on their 1768 "Plan of the Boundary Lines" west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is a new Cockeysville marble monument set in 1902 at an ^{additional} site during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary; is in excellent condition, unaltered, measures about 10 inches square and stands about 1½ feet above ground.

The area here is a sparsely settled part of Lick Ridge, mostly wooded, overlooking the ^{ravine and} fork where Line Run joins Fifteen Mile Creek a short distance to the south. The site is within Election District 3 of Allegany County, MD, and Mann Towns of Bedford County, PA; about 1½ miles due south of the small settlement of Artemas, PA; about 900 feet due east of Fifteen Mile Creek Road/T-312 at the Line and about 700 feet southeast of the entrance ^{private lane to the} to the Beisels house off T-307 (about 150 feet southwest of their new rancher); at the north edge of a dense deciduous woodlands (part of Maryland's Green Ridge State Forest). It cannot be seen from any road, any season, though easily from the Beisels drive close to the house, and is protected by the ^{site and} surrounding property owners.

The monument, as with all 1902 monuments set west of Sideling Hill except for the replica crownstone No. --- (169) in Ellerslie, is a ^{dressed} magnesian limestone post with a low pyramidal top, ^{measures about 4½ feet long} quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, cut to stand about 1½ feet high with about 3 feet set into the ground. The only embellishments are the blocky capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland. V-sunk without serifs, with the ^{original Mason and Dixon} year of the survey on the east side (1766) and the ^{by the 1900-03 Resurvey} year set on the west side (1902), all horizontally aligned as a band near the top. The letters and dates are very clear; there are negligible nicks at the top corners; ^{and} the planes and apex of the top are well defined.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the several styles of new monuments set in 1902 by the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary and the method used for setting them)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
X 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	X POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (boundary survey) 1902 (monument) ~~BUILDER/ARCHITECT~~ Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(149) is ^{on the national and state levels} significant/primarily as one of the some 248 markers still defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This section of the West Line was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, marked with cairns the following year, and this additional site monumented in 1902 with a new Cockeysville marble marker during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 27 similar/^{new} monuments marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, in visually preserving the integrity of the boundary and No. ---(149) is also significant/as a reminder of the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Artemas (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1950 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 71943, northing 439989

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Bedford

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

9/20/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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(57) V. SET (1972)

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE (149)

ARTEMAS QUAD

MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (T)

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1950 PHOTO REVISION 1974

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

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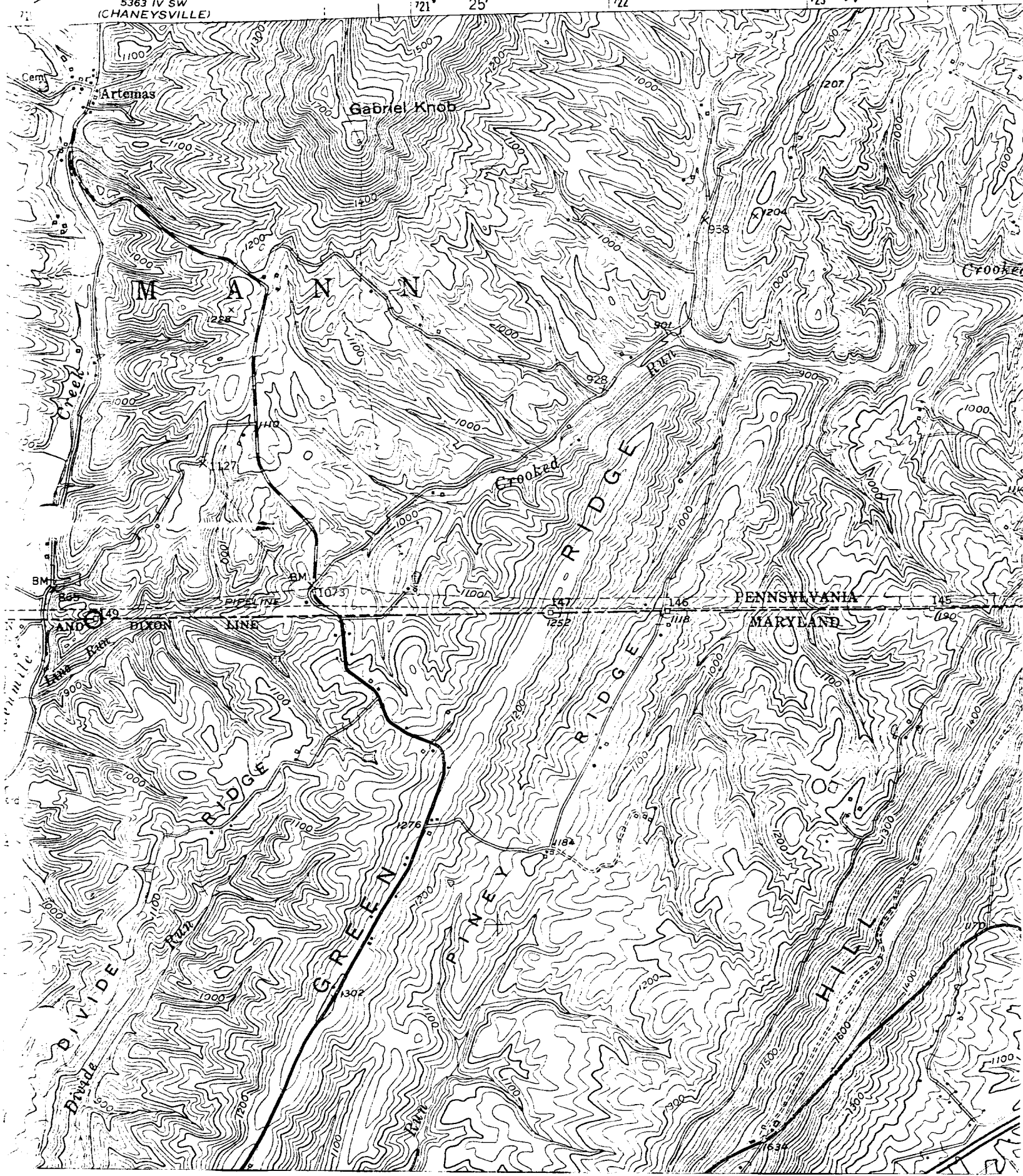
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25'

722

5363 IV SW
(CHANEYSVILLE)





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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (149)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)
NW CORNER (P/1902)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 9/20/81 (1981.34.32A)



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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (149)
STONE MONUMENT (1912)

SE CORNER (11/1766)

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